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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hello to all our family and friends!

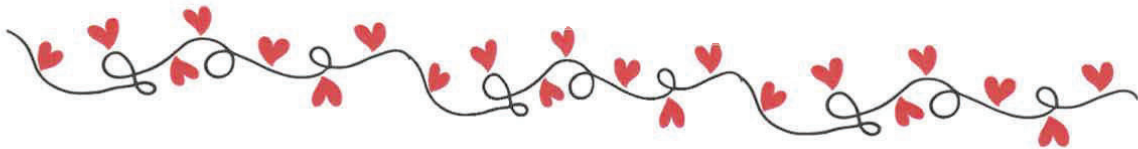
We hope you are all staying warm during this winter weather. Please use extra caution when visiting, as our gravel parking lot can be difficult to fully clear of snow and ice.

We would also like to clarify a misprint that appeared in the January 16th FPS. While we are in the process of planning a replacement for our current whirlpool, the statement indicating that our existing whirlpool is broken, outdated, or has reached the end of its useful life- leaving the facility without an appropriate way to bathe residents- is completely inaccurate. Our current whirlpool remains functional, and resident care has never been compromised. We proactively plan and prepare for critical projects to ensure continuity of care and to prevent situations like this from occurring. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

We would like to recognize, thank, and praise our dedicated, loyal, and amazing staff for making it safely to the facility and covering their shifts to ensure our residents received uninterrupted care during winter storm Fern. A special thank you to our Maintenance team, Rick and George, for going above and beyond- picking staff up and taking them home at all hours of the day and night, all while continuously plowing and shoveling snow to keep our ground as safe as possible. A huge shout out to Russ (our nurse Anna's husband), who spent all day Sunday helping the team shovel. Your willingness to step in and help out is admirable. We are truly grateful to everyone who went above and beyond during this storm. Your teamwork, dedication, and selflessness mean more than words can express.

Don't forget to check our Facebook for updates. We are looking for a full-time nurse aide, activity staff and housekeeper. If interested, please stop in to fill out an application or call for more information.

Jessica Dawn Faulk, LPN, Superintendent



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"February, the month of love, is a time to cherish the bonds that warm our hearts."

~ D. A. Blankinship

RESIDENTS

NONE

BIRTHDAYS



EMPLOYEES

DONNA IRWIN 2/11

AMBER-LEIGH HARPSTER 2/20

Love is in the Air Trivia



1. What flower is a traditional symbol of love? Answer: The rose. Red roses suggest passion and true love. Dark pink indicates gratitude, while light pink refers to desire, passion, and energy. Yellow roses symbolize friendship or jealousy. A white rose suggests virtue or devotion. Thornless lavender roses indicate love at first sight.
2. Which saint went against the emperor's wishes and performed secret marriages? Answer: Saint Valentine. Roman Emperor Claudius II forbid young men to marry. Saint Valentine secretly performed the forbidden marriages. When Claudius II found out, he executed Saint Valentine for his disobedience on February 14.
3. What did Richard Cadbury first introduce for Valentine's Day in 1868? Answer: Box of chocolates. To increase sales, he decided to create "fancy" heart-shaped boxes. Over 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold throughout the world every year.
4. What type of candy, made by New England Confectionary Company, is the best-selling Valentine's Day candy to date? Answer: Sweethearts. The candy hearts are made from late January to mid-February every year. About eight billion (100,000 pounds) candy hearts are made during this time, and they sell out within six weeks.
5. What group of people are said to receive the most Valentine's Day cards? Answer: Teachers. They are the number one recipient of Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and sweethearts. It is estimated that children age six to 10 give more than 650 million Valentine's Day cards each year.
6. Where does the phrase wearing your heart on your sleeve originate? Answer: Many believe it comes from the Middle Ages when men were not permitted to marry but were allowed to couple during a Roman festival honoring Juno. The men would draw names of which woman would be their lady friend for the year. They would wear the woman's name on their sleeve for the duration of the festival.
7. What famous literary couple's love letters were published in a 430-page book? Answer: F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. Scott and Zelda epitomized the glamorous couple of the Roaring Twenties. Scott described Zelda, the quintessential flapper, as "the golden girl" with a flamboyant personality. They had a turbulent relationship from the start; Zelda was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1930 while Scott battled alcoholism. Dear Scott, Dearest Zelda chronicles the love letters of the famous couple from their courtship starting in 1918 to Scott's death in 1940.
8. Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lord Byron, and John Keats are all poets associated with what era? Answer: The Romantic Era. Romanticism was a movement in Western Europe during the last half of the 18th century. Its focus was on emotion instead of reason. The movement not only included these famous writers but also the music of Beethoven, Chopin, and Wagner.
9. What is the name of the Italian city where Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet lived? Answer: Verona. The city receives thousands of love letters for Juliet every year. By the 1990s, Verona was receiving so many letters that a Juliet Club was created to answer each letter by hand.
10. What silent film star was known as "The Great Lover"? Answer: Rudolph Valentino. The Italian actor was considered the first male sex symbol of the big screen during the silent era. He is quoted as saying, "Women are not in love with me but with the picture of me on the screen. I am merely the canvas on which women paint their dreams." In 1926, fans grieved upon Valentino's premature death at the age of 31 (from blood poisoning following a perforated ulcer). An estimated 100,000 people lined the streets for his funeral in New York City.



GOLDEN NUGGETS

- February 16th the office will be closed in honor of President's Day.
- We are in need of birthday cake sponsors for August and December.
- We are in need of donut sponsors for August, September, October, and December.
- Open House will be Saturday August 22nd from 10am-2pm.

Happy February! On the 2nd the men headed out for lunch at Crossroads Restaurant in the morning. In the afternoon we did some craft kits. On the 6th we played bingo and had donuts sponsored by Nancy Campbell. On the 8th we had shopping trip to Dollar General in the morning. In the afternoon we played Yahtzee!

On the 12th Tim Frick was in to play guitar and sing old gospel songs. We really enjoyed his performance. On the 15th we went shopping and out for lunch in the morning. In the afternoon we played a game of Uno.

On the 16th we celebrated our January birthdays. We had Jon King in to sing for us at our snowflake themed party. Angie, Fannie, and Jim all enjoyed their party. Thank you to Ken and Kathy Stoneman for sponsoring our cupcakes.

On the 22nd we headed to Crossroads Restaurant for lunch in the morning. In the afternoon Audra from Crossroads Hospice was in to lead us in a St. Patrick's Day craft. We always enjoy her crafts. Thank you to Patty Dinger for coming in and helping with the craft as well. On the 29th we had to cancel our lunch outing due to the frigid temperature. We stayed in and did some crafts in the morning and played "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" in the afternoon.